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THE COMMON SCHOOL SYSTEM OF KENTUCKY.

A Common School System is provided for in the Constitution of the State, and is organized under chapter 18 of the General Statutes.

ORGANIZATION.

1. A STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, elected for four years by the people; salary, \$3,000; allowed two clerks, an office, fixtures, postage, and stationery.

2. A STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, composed of the Superintendent, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and two professional educators elected by them. It adopts rules and regulations for the government of Common Schools, recommends text-books, and sits as a Court of Appeals from the decisions and acts of the County Commissioners.

3. A STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS, composed of the Superintendent and two professional educators selected by them. Examines teachers for State certificates—good in any county for five years.

4. A County Commissioner is elected by the Court of Claims; receives reports; visits the schools; grants teachers' certificates; holds Teachers' Institute; disburses money, and decides all questions of difference, difficulty, or doubt; holds office two years.

5. A COUNTY BOARD OF EXAMINERS. Examines teachers for county certificates. Certificate good from two to four years, according to class. Selects text-books from those recommended by the State Board of Education.

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6. A Trustee for each District. Employs the teacher; superintends him under the law and rules; reports statistics; builds and repairs school-houses, etc.

FUND.

The annual revenue consists of the interest (six per cent.) on the State bond for \$1,327,000; the dividends on 755 shares of Bank of Kentucky stock; certain fines and forfeitures, and twenty cents tax on every one hundred dollars' worth of property. There is, also, a surplus bond, amounting to \$308,000, due the counties from which six per cent interest is derived. The gross annual revenue approximates a million of dollars.

SCHOOL AGES AND CENSUS, AND PER CAPUT.

From six to twenty. The number of white pupil children reported, 448,142. The school apportionment for the year ending June 36th, 1876, was \$1 90 to each pupil child.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Five months a school year for districts having over 40 pupils, and three months for districts having a less number. Twenty-two days of actual teaching a school month. Teachers must have a certificate, and must attend the Institute or forfeit it. There are about six thousand school districts in the State, and schools are taught in nearly all of them. Provision is made for local taxation. Any city can vote an additional tax of thirty cents, and country districts twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars' worth of property. A capitation tax of two dollars can be levied on each property-holder in a district to pay for the building of a school-house. The Superintendent is required to furnish models for school-houses.

GRADED SCHOOLS.

Most of the cities and larger towns have Graded Schools, and there is a growing disposition to establish them in those places where they do not exist. I present a brief syllabus of those we have:

COVINGTON.

FUND.—A tax of one mill upon the dollar, a capitation tax, and the apportionment annually received from the State, and such other sources as the City Council shall designate, constitute the fund.

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There is a High School of which J. W. Hall, jr., is Principal, with a salary of \$2,000. His first assistant is paid \$1,200, and the second, third, and fourth assistants \$800 each. The janitor is paid \$480.

The First District School is presided over by B. D. Best, Principal, with a salary of \$1,500, assisted by twelve teachers, two of which receive \$600; two \$550; two \$500; two \$450; and four \$400.

The Second District is presided over by J. J. Nigman, Principal, with a salary of \$1,500, assisted by thirteen teachers, whose salaries run as about the schedule of the First District indicates. In this school there is a German teacher who receives a salary of \$500.

The Third District is presided over by George S. Yates, Principal, salary \$1,500, assisted by twelve teachers; and the Fourth District, with Arnold Ellis as Principal, salary \$1,500, assisted by eleven teachers, whose salaries graduate with those of the other districts detailed.

Altogether there are employed in the Covington system five Principals, and fifty-two teachers, and five janitors. The classification of studies is excellent.

CYNTHIANA.

The site of the buildings is most eligible, overlooking the city, and the most prominent object in the eye of the visitor, and visible from every passing train of cars.

FINANCES.

In view of the resources at hand without the city tax, it was concluded to assess, last September, only two-fifths of one per cent., or forty cents on the hundred dollars.

This, on a basis of \$805,335, produced.	\$3,217 34
Tuition of non-resident pupils.	671 10
State Fund	1,144 71
Note on City Council	849 98
Delinquent taxes	130 34
Unpaid tuition bills	209 05

Total receipts.	\$6,222 52
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Of this sum, five or six hundred dollars have not been realized, and possibly may not be.

On the other hand, expenses for the year foot up \$5,653 10.

But in this amount is reckoned for furniture	\$191 00
Expended on the well	250 00
Philosophical and chemical apparatus	125 00
Printing report of last year	95 00
Total	\$661 00

There are five grades. Prof. L. G. Marshall is the Principal, and in every respect eminently fitted for this position, not excepting the fact that he is a bachelor; for a man of his varied attainments and capacities could not be obtained for \$1,200 a year if he had the burden of a family upon his hands. The corps of teachers is organized, and the salaries are as follows:

L. G. Marshall, A. M., Principal and Instructor in Languages and Literature in Grade A, \$1,200; William Boyle, A. B., Instructor in Mathematics and Sciences in Grade A, \$800; Miss Lena Walters, Instructor in Grade B, \$500; Miss Sue T. Woodyard, Instructor in Grade C, \$500; Miss Lizzie W. Adams, Instructor in Grade D, \$500; Miss Sallie E. Ludwig, Instructor in Grade E, \$500; Miss Lizzie W. Adams, Instructor in Vocal Music, \$200.

The whole number of pupils registered in all the grades is two hundred and seventy-three.

CATLETTSBURG.

This town has a system of Graded Schools, but is at the present time laboring under financial embarrassment, occasioned by the loss of money by bankruptcy of the parties with whom it was deposited. It will doubtlessly soon recover. The neighboring town of Ashland, in the same county (Boyd), has taken the initiatory steps to establish a system.

FRANKFORT.

The Frankfort Public School embraces four departments, viz: the Primary, Intermediate, Grammar, and Higher, divided into thirteen grades. There are ten grades, with a Normal and High School Department transcending the number.

The Board (of three Trustees) is elected for two years by the qualified voters of Frankfort. One of their number is chosen for President, and another for Secretary. The school is supported by a tax of twenty-five cents on each one hundred dol-

lars' worth of real estate within the city, yielding about \$5,500 annually; by \$2,000 from the State apportionment, and receipts of tuition from non-residents, amounting to eight or nine hundred dollars. The school was opened in October, 1868, under the supervision of the present Principal, Prof. S. P. Browder, who, by his long experience, ripe judgment, energy, and tact, and the aid and encouragement of intelligent Trustees, has been enabled to bring this grand institution to its present state of excellence.

When the school opened in 1868 the highest grade that could be formed from the material then in school was the fifth. The other grades have been added since:

The Trustees of the school have always been gentlemen of cultivation, refinement, and integrity, and they have at all times shown themselves, in the general management of the school and selection of teachers, to be entirely free from sectional, religious, or political bias; and thus the school has been exceedingly fortunate from the beginning in having the right sort of men to control its destiny. The Board of Trustees now in office are Judge George C. Drane, President; D. C. Barrett, Secretary; and J. G. Dudley.

There are twelve assistant teachers, thoroughly qualified and properly trained for the discharge of every duty assigned to them; and it may be mentioned as a remarkable fact, that every teacher in the school is able to teach music, and that the pupils above the seventh grade read music with ease through all the keys in five sharps and as many flats. The salaries of assistant teachers range from three hundred and fifty to eight hundred dollars; but it is the intention of the Board to pay higher salaries whenever they have the means to do so.

The average cost per pupil is about twenty dollars. The enrollment is nearly five hundred; the average attendance about four hundred and fifty.

HENDERSON.

This city is probably the wealthiest, in proportion to population, of any municipality in the United States. It contains a people remarkable for their refinement. Yet, the Public School has swallowed up all private institutions, and is the pride of the wealth and intellect of the city. Much of this pleasing result

is due to Prof. M. Kirby, the able Principal. He insisted on the proper organization of the school at the first, and has never allowed unreasoning ignorance to dictate his policy. Assuming the right ground that he has a *professional* knowledge of the processes and necessary agents of successful education, he has stoutly resisted all dictation, and to-day is master of the situation:

The gross amount of money appropriated for school purposes is \$12,500. Of this, \$10,700 is distributed in teachers' salaries, as follows: Superintendent, \$2,000; Principal High School, \$1,200; Assistant High School, \$800; Principal Grammar Department, \$800; three assistants, \$600 each, \$1,800; Principal Primary Department, \$800; five assistants, \$500 each, \$2,500; two assistants, \$400 each, \$800; making the average cost of educating each child, as based on salaries paid, \$15 22 a year. Comparing this with the average cost per child in Louisville, as given in last year's statistics, which is \$36 51, we find a difference of \$21 29.

Total enrollment	785
Whole number of boys	382
Whole number of girls	403
Average number remaining each month	637
Average daily attendance throughout the year	587
Per centage of attendance	92
Average number to each teacher	46
Number of teachers, exclusive of Principal	14

I have not been furnished with the names of the officers of the School Board, but my information, from drafts on file in my office, is, that Jacob Held is President, and C. T. Starling, Secretary and Treasurer.

Henderson has most magnificently exhibited the capacities of the Public Graded School System, and has thereby conferred a benefit which leaps her limits.

Prof. Maurice Kirby is Principal.

LEXINGTON.

The Hon. James O. Harrison, Superintendent, furnishes me with the following under date of November 13th, 1875:

"The city is divided into three districts, with a Public School in each. Each school is in charge of a Principal, and four assistants. The teachers are elected by the School Committee,

and are paid monthly out of the city treasury ; the whole being under the supervision of the Superintendent.

" Last month (September, 1875) the aggregate number attending the three schools was 642 ; the average daily attendance being 581. Since then there has been some increase. These schools are doing well.

" In addition, there are two Public Schools under the patronage of Catholic citizens, to which the city contributes out of the treasury one hundred dollars a month during the session of ten months. This agreement was entered into upon the conditions that both were to be free to the public, and that comfortable buildings and school furniture and competent teachers were to be provided therefor without expense to the public or to the pupil, and that the secular course of instruction therein was to be substantially the same with that in the three City Schools. It is the duty of the Superintendent of the City Schools to see that these conditions are complied with ; and so far those conditions have been complied with ; and, so far as I know or believe, the arrangement is satisfactory to the general public.

" The aggregate number attending these two schools in October was 255 ; the average daily attendance being 232.

" It is proper to say, in this connection, that, as the three buildings furnished by the city for its three Public Schools were altogether insufficient to accommodate these additional pupils, the city was, by this arrangement, relieved of the expense of providing buildings and teachers therefor.

" In addition to the above five Public Schools for the education of white children, the city established four for the education of the colored children of the city. These four schools are in charge of eleven teachers—all colored. The teachers are elected by the School Committee, and are paid monthly out of the city treasury upon the certificate of the Superintendent.

" There is, in connection with these four schools, a Board of six colored citizens known as the " Advisory Board," whose duty it is to bring to the notice of the Committee and Superintendent all matters likely to affect the usefulness of these four schools.

" The city, in addition, contributes five hundred dollars during the session of nine months, towards paying the incidental ex-

penses of the four schools, but is at no other expense except the payment of the monthly salaries of the teachers.

"These schools, like the white schools, are under the management of the Committee and Superintendent, and so far are doing well.

"The aggregate number attending the four in October was 565; the average daily attendance being 479."

The Hon. James O. Harrison is the Superintendent.

LOUISVILLE.

The Public Schools of Louisville now comprise a Boys' High School, a Girls' High School, a Training School, twenty-two Ward Schools, and five schools for colored children. Besides these, the Board established three Night Schools for boys who were unable to attend Day Schools. These were opened on the 16th of November, and closed on the last Friday in February. Hereafter the session will commence on the third Monday in October, and continue three and a half months.

The following is a summary of the statistics for the year 1874-'75, and a comparison of the same items with those of the previous year:

NUMBER ENROLLED DURING THE YEAR.

Male High School	221	Increase	13
Female High School	424	Increase	35
Training School	42		
Ward Schools	14,272	Decrease	265
Colored Schools	2,634	Increase	253
Total.	17,593	Increase	36

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE DURING THE YEAR.

Male High School	189	Increase	11
Female High School	384	Increase	33
Training School	37	Increase	1
Ward Schools	9,647	Increase	361
Colored Schools	1,294	Increase	201
Total.	11,551	Increase	607

AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEACHERS EMPLOYED.

Male High School	9		
Female High School	12		
Training School	1.5		
Ward Schools	234	Increase	7.6
Colored Schools	28	Increase	7.5
German	27		
Music	4		
Total.	315.5	Increase	15.1

COST OF THE SCHOOLS.

Salaries of teachers.	\$172,971 99	Increase	\$4,714 79
Incidental and general expenses,	40,443 84	Decrease	2,515 39
Repairs and improvements	6,102 78	Decrease	6,354 69
Colored Schools—salaries	12,755 24	Increase	3,635 76
German.	20,898 30	Increase	773 20
Night Schools	2,356 87	Increase	2,106 87
Total.	\$255,529 02	Increase	\$2,360 54

COST PER PUPIL.

Male High School—salaries	\$71 17	Decrease	\$3 27
Female High School—salaries	34 58	Decrease	3 57
Training School—salaries	64 07	Decrease	1 58
Ward Schools—salaries	13 42	Increase	12
Colored Schools—salaries	8 21	Increase	1 47
Incidental expenses.	2 11	Decrease	52
Total salaries and expenses, including German, repairs, improvements, rent, and interest,	19 95	Decrease	59

The schools during the past year have maintained their former creditable condition, and continued to meet the expectations of their most ardent friends. All classes of citizens have shown an increased interest in their welfare, which is gratifying to all the friends of education. The teachers, with few exceptions, have been faithful and industrious, and the interest and enthusiasm they have shown in their work entitle them to the highest respect and consideration. The pupils are deserving of commendation for their studiousness, and their orderly behavior.

A number of changes has been made in the faculty and management of the Male High School, intended to increase its usefulness and efficiency. Efforts are being made by the Board of Trustees to secure the entire control of the building now occupied by this school, and, if they are successful, it is the intention of the Board to so enlarge and improve the structure as to make it one of the most attractive and convenient in the country for the purpose.

The Female High School is in a sound and prosperous condition. The number of graduates at the close of the year was 56, being the largest in its history.

The Training School for the professional training of teachers is doing the work for which it was designed with efficiency and success. All the graduates of last year, with one exception,

have obtained eligible situations and have been successful in their labors. The number of graduates this year was 29, some of whom have already secured places in Louisville or elsewhere.

The Night Schools are an important branch of public instruction, from the fact that they afford many deserving persons an opportunity for obtaining an education sufficient to transact the ordinary business of life that cannot be procured without them. They, no doubt, conferred great benefit upon those who attended regularly and availed themselves of the opportunities for improvement which they furnished. Perhaps no funds of the schools were more wisely applied than the sum expended for their support. The number of pupils enrolled in these schools during the session was 1,353; the daily attendance, 610; the number of teachers employed, 18; and the entire cost, \$2,356 87.

The Colored Schools continue to make steady and substantial progress. The Board of Visitors, having the immediate oversight and control of them, are among the best informed and most reputable of our colored citizens, and they are untiring in their efforts to advance the educational interests of the colored youth of this city. The pupils generally are intelligent, active, and attentive, and good order and discipline are maintained without much trouble. The teachers, all of whom except three are colored persons, possess average tact and teaching ability, and are earnest and faithful in discharging their duties. In some instances, however, they are deficient in scholastic attainments; but nearly all of them are making diligent efforts to improve themselves in this respect, and they will soon, no doubt, reach the intellectual standard required of the other teachers. A beautiful, substantial, and convenient building for colored children, containing twelve rooms, will be completed in time for the opening of the schools in September. This is the third building erected for the benefit of this class of citizens, who now have facilities for the education of their children surpassed by those of no other city in the country.

The German language is now taught in all of the Ward Schools, except two, in which the small attendance will not justify the expense. The aggregate number of children receiving instruction in this language is 5,481, of whom 1,159 are of American parentage.

G. H. Cochran is the President of the Board; Geo. H. Tingley is the Superintendent; D. McPherson the Secretary of the Board; ——— Chenault the Principal of Male High School; Geo. A. Chase the Principal of Female High School.

MAYSVILLE.

Dr. G. W. Martin is President of the School Board. Each District School has a Principal; beside which, seven teachers are employed. The Assistants' departments in the District Schools are divided into two grades each—A and B, and C and E—and the Principals into three—F, G, and H—and the period of study necessary to complete a grade is estimated at one year.

RESOURCES.

City tax.	\$2,028 00
Fines assessed by Mayor.	1,324 43
Tithables	876 07
Tuition	26 50
State School Fund	2,282 80

I would like to give a more detailed account of the system of this city, but I have not been furnished with the data.

OWENSBORO.

A letter from Prof. S. T. Lowry, Superintendent of Schools, under date of November 14th, 1875, contains the following: "The schools are now doing better than ever before. Our enrollment surpasses that of any previous year by 30 or 40 pupils; private schools have vanished, and a feeling of good will and harmony pervades all classes. The council levied 25 cents tax on each \$100, which, with State money, will make a fund ample to run the schools ten full months. The schools are classified as follows: High, Intermediate, and Primary.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Whole number enrolled, first and second sections	169
Monthly attendance	130
Daily attendance	122
Average monthly enrollment	139

There are one Superintendent, two Principals, five Intermediate, four Primary, and one German Teacher.

Hon. George Brown, President.

NEWPORT.

The Teachers employed, exclusive of the Superintendent, were distributed among the various departments in 1875, as follows:

High School	2
Intermediate Schools	3
Primary Schools	32
Special Teachers—German	3
Penmanship	1
Drawing	1
Total	42

Officers of Board—Clement Olhaber, President; W. H. Jones, Superintendent; R. F. Walsh, Secretary; J. B. Lock, Treasurer.

There are eleven standing committees. There are five commodious and comfortable school buildings, each with a janitor.

There is a High School. There are Intermediate and Primary Schools.

GRAND EXHIBIT.

Enrolled	2,407
Remaining	1,612
Average belonging	1,883.6
Average attendance	1,800.5

PADUCAH.

The city is divided into four districts—a Principal of each. There are nine grades and a High School. The salary of Prof. D. C. Culley, Superintendent, is \$125 per month. The Principals only receive \$70 per month. In the report sent us there is no statement of the number of pupils enrolled or in attendance. Each of the six wards in the city is represented by two members in the School Board. The officers are as follows:

J. W. McKnight, President; J. H. Gardner, Vice President; Josiah Harris, jr., Secretary; C. Bell, Treasurer.

PARIS.

Paris is a city of about four thousand inhabitants. It is the capital of Bourbon county—perhaps, all things considered, the wealthiest shire in the State not having a large city. It is noted as being the center of the fine stock-raising section of Kentucky.

County Court day—the first Monday in each month—is the date of a remarkable gathering of the people of this and surrounding counties. During the year *millions* of dollars exchange values on *this day* under the decision and stroke of the auctioneer's hammer. The Agricultural Fair, held at this point, is the oldest and most successful of the world. So great has been the devotion of the people of this county to the cultivation of fine stock, the improvement of blood, etc., that strangers have been accustomed to accuse them of an interest in the lower animals that found no exponent with reference to themselves. The very fact that there was an appreciation of symmetry of form in horses, cattle, sheep, etc., indicated a taste which was *prophetic* of a future better than all the past. Paris is now becoming the very center of schools and intellectual enterprise. There Col. Edgar, a graduate of the University of Virginia, has a successful Military Institute; Prof. Young presides over a school mainly supported by the proceeds of the Garth Fund; Prof. Brown is Principal of a large female school; and Profs. Lockhart and Yerkes have select academic schools of the highest order. The city also has, for several years, supported a lecture association of the highest order, calling to its service the most gifted exponents of the power of the American lyceum system.

There is great promise in Bourbon. Paris, in addition to all that I have mentioned, has a most excellent Public School System, giving presage of a future that shall express the capacity and worth of its noble population. Under the very shadow of the tower of the City School building I was born. My father was one of the educational pioneers of not only the county, but the State, having built, for school purposes, the edifice now occupied by Prof. Brown and his "Bourbon Female College."

Mr. William Garth, a wealthy citizen of this county, while in full health, devised a fund for the education of indigent youth, which has, hitherto, dispensed incalculable benefits, and given to the State several minds and characters, trained, through its instrumentality, which have already made most gratifying returns for the expenditure of its resources. An institution, now specially supported by the income of this fund, has been established in Paris.

Census of whites.	554
Census of blacks.	219
Whole number white pupils enrolled in school.	237
Average number white pupils belonging.	180
Average daily white pupils attendance.	170
Per cent. of attendance.	94.3
Number of teachers employed.	5
Average cost per pupil.	\$20

Officers—W. W. Massie, President; J. Fithian, M. D., Secretary.

At the time of the last report to the State Superintendent (December 10, 1875), there were enrolled 210 pupils, with an average daily attendance of 190. Prof. S. Puckett is the Superintendent, and is giving general satisfaction. There is held by the Teachers in the City School, in connection with the Teachers of the District Schools, a monthly County Association, which has thus far resulted in profit and pleasing entertainment.

SHELBYVILLE.

Judge J. L. Caldwell, Chairman of Board; J. W. Adams, Secretary; C. C. Watts, Treasurer.

Faculty—R. W. McRery, Principal; J. M. Kinnaird, Miss Lucy Collier, Miss Bettie Collier, Miss Clara Humes.

During the past year 219 pupils were enrolled.

The highest number in attendance at one time was one hundred and eighty; the average attendance one hundred and sixty-two.

Versailles has a graded school which has done well under the efficient superintendency of Prof. W. O. Crockett.

Glasgow has a school under Prof. A. Mill which has a creditable history, and its future seems to be promising.

I confidently expect within the next five years to see graded schools established in all the considerable towns, as follows: Winchester, Mount Sterling, Nicholasville, Harrodsburg, Danville, Richmond, Carlisle, Millersburg, Flemingsburg, Vanceburg, Augusta, Bowling Green, Russellville, Elizabethtown, Hopkinsville, Madisonville, Carrollton, Lawrenceburg, Springfield, Eminence, Smithland, Mayfield, Hickman, Midway, Somerset, Stanford, Lancaster, New Castle, Lagrange—cities and towns of from five hundred to eight thousand inhabitants.

Bowling Green has a fund left it by Robert Ogden of from seventy-five to eighty thousand dollars, and this can be employed in the endowment of the High School Department. A city of from eight to ten thousand inhabitants is abundantly capable of fine things in the way of public education. It is undoubtedly on account of the fine male and female colleges, at this point, that this growing city, so enterprising in other respects, is behind other cities in the matter of public schools.

The Superintendent feels that he can conscientiously and confidently say that the next decade in Kentucky's history will be singularly progressive in educational matters, and that at the end of the period every town will be rejoicing in a well equipped and symmetrical system of Graded Schools.

SCHOOLS FOR COLORED CHILDREN.

The General Assembly passed, in February, 1874, a school law for the benefit of the colored people, and measures were at once taken for the organization of the system. The fund at immediate command is small, furnishing only fifty cents for each pupil child. Should Congress pass what is known as the Educational Bill, appropriating to Public School purposes the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, Kentucky's proportion of this fund would aggregate nearly \$60,000. This would, by the law, be dedicated to the support of Colored Schools, and would furnish a fund sufficiently large to make their per capita equal to that now apportioned to the whites. Commissioners are enjoined to give the colored people all the facilities possible for the organization of their schools, in which endeavor they will have the hearty co-operation of the Superintendent.

The Colored School Fund consists of the present revenue tax of forty-five cents on each \$100 of property owned by colored persons; a capitation tax on each colored male over twenty-one years of age; all taxes levied and collected on dogs owned or kept by colored persons; all State taxes on deeds, suits, or any license collected from colored persons; all the fines, penalties, and forfeitures imposed upon and collected from colored persons due the State; all moneys hereafter donated by Congress from the sales of public lands, the pro rata share to each pupil not to exceed that to the whites. The assessors are to keep separate

lists of property of colored citizens; ages of pupil children from six to sixteen; three colored Trustees to a district, appointed by the County Commissioner; duties of Superintendent and Commissioners similar to those under white laws; separate State Teachers' Association and County Institutes. The State Board of Education makes rules and regulations for the government of Colored Schools.

Louisville, Lexington, and other cities of the State have made handsome municipal provisions for the education of their colored children.

UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, AND SCHOOLS IN KENTUCKY.

I am aware that numbers of institutions taught under private auspices, and some, possibly, chartered, are not reported in the following summary. The Superintendent issued a circular inviting information, and sent a sufficient quantity to each Commissioner, with the postage, to have one addressed to each institution. Either the Commissioners have failed to send them out, or the parties receiving them to respond. In either case, the Superintendent does not feel responsible for any omission. He *desired* a full statement for his Centennial pamphlet, and hoped every teacher would send him the coveted information; but they have failed in many instances to respond.

ADAIR.

Columbia Male and Female High School, Columbia. Is chartered. Has \$13,000 endowment. The buildings are valued at \$10,000. A lyceum attached. Pupils, seventy. About \$1,050 received for tuition. Has never conferred degrees. H. C. Dunn, Principal, assisted by two teachers in literature and science, and one in music.

There is another flourishing institution in Columbia under the auspices of the Christian Church, but I have no report from it.

BRACKEN.

There is a fine school at Augusta, taught by Prof. Mitchell. Handsome buildings.

BUTLER.

Morgantown Normal School, located at Morgantown, Ky. Rev. W. J. Finley, Principal.

Little Muddy Academy, Sugar Grove. F. E. Bell, Principal.

BATH.

Bath Seminary, located at Owingsville, Ky. Prof. Lipscomb, Principal.

BOYLE.

Danville Classical and Military Academy, located at Danville, Ky. Chartered 1874. Students, sixty-one. Chas. H. Withrow and others constitute faculty.

Caldwell Institute. Has buildings worth \$80,000. Female. Confers diplomas. Chartered.

Centre College, at Danville. O. Beaty, LL. D., Principal.

BOURBON.

Bourbon Female College, located at Paris, Ky. Under control of Prof. James A. Brown and Prof. W. S. Jones, and assistants. Chartered 1872.

Garth Female Institute, located at Paris, Ky. Prof. C. E. Young.

Patterson Female Institute, located at North Middletown, Ky. Under control of J. T. Patterson, Principal.

Millersburg Female College, chartered 1860. Unendowed. Prof. G. T. Gould and H. W. Abbett, Principals. Located at Millersburg, Ky.

Profs. W. H. Lockhart and Yerkes have excellent select classical schools in Paris, Ky.

Kentucky Wesleyan University, at Millersburg. T. J. Dodd, D. D., President.

BOONE.

Rising Star Seminary. A select private school. Is located at Verona. Nannie E. Hamilton, the Principal.

CLARK.

Prof. Thos. Smith, A. M., a graduate of the University of Virginia, has an excellent school for boys and girls at Winchester.

CLAY.

Clay Seminary, located at Manchester, Ky. Prof. Samuel Harris, Principal.

CALLOWAY.

Murray Male and Female Institute, located at Murray, Ky. Chartered 1870. Not endowed. John P. Brannock, President, with three assistants. Value of buildings, \$18,000. Languages, mathematics, and all English branches taught. Students, one hundred and sixty-six. Philogathean Society organized in conjunction with Institution. Tuition fees, \$3,000.

CHRISTIAN.

Southern Kentucky Female College, located at Hopkinsville, Ky. Chartered in 1857. Not endowed. T. A. Crenshaw, Principal, with four assistants. Value of the buildings, \$25,000. Library contains five hundred volumes, valued at \$700. English course, embracing all the higher mathematics. French and German are taught. Students, one hundred and fifteen. The Parthenian Literary Society, organized in conjunction with the Institution. Tuition fees amount to \$5,000.

Bethel Female College, located at Hopkinsville, Ky. Chartered in 1851. Not endowed. J. W. Rust, President, with nine assistants. Value of buildings, \$30,000. Apparatus, \$100. Ancient and modern languages, mathematics, and English branches, are taught. Students, one hundred. Adelpian Literary Society, organized in conjunction with the institution.

Fairview Academy, Fairview. Unendowed. G. H. Baker, Principal, with one assistant. Latin, Greek, the sciences, and English literature taught. Sixty pupils. One literary society—the Neotrophian. Not chartered.

CUMBERLAND.

Alexander College, located at Burksville, Ky. Chartered in 1872. Is unendowed. Rev. J. P. McMillan and others constitute faculty. Value of buildings is \$14,000. Library of one thousand volumes, valued at \$1,000. Mathematics, languages, and English branches, are taught. Students number one hundred. Amount received from tuition fees, \$2,000.

There is another institution at Burksville, under the auspices of the Christian Church, but have no report from it.

CARROLL.

Carroll Seminary. Chartered in 1814. Located at Carrollton, Ky. Is unendowed. The value of the building is \$8,000. No library. The mathematics and languages, in conjunction with English studies, are taught. Students, one hundred and sixty-five. Proceeds of tuition fees, \$3,000. Philomathean Literary Society, organized in conjunction with the Institution. J. T. English, Principal, with two assistants.

CALDWELL.

Princeton College, located at Princeton, Ky. Rev. A. D. Trimble and assistants.

CRITTENDEN.

Marion Academy. Chartered in 1868. Located at Marion, Ky. Is unendowed. Value of buildings, \$1,700. No chemical apparatus. No library. Mathematics and languages, in conjunction with English branches, are taught. Students, one hundred. Ciceronian Literary Society, organized in conjunction with the Institution. Tuition fees amount to \$1,300. F. M. Gossand, Principal, with three assistants.

CITY OF LOUISVILLE.

Louisville Female College, located in Louisville; chartered in 1854. Library of one thousand volumes. Rev. S. Prettyman, President, with eight assistants.

DAVISS.

Mount St. Joseph's Academy, Owensboro, is conducted by the Ursuline Sisters. Buildings valued at \$12,000. Sixty volumes in Library. Students seventeen.

There is another Catholic school in Owensboro; but it has not furnished any information.

E. G. Wood teaches a private school in Owensboro; and J. J. Rodman in West Louisville.

FLEMING.

Prof. Clyde and wife conduct a good school at Flemingsburg.

FAYETTE.

Hocker Female College, Lexington, Ky. Henry Turner, President, assisted by nine instructors. The school edifice is entirely

new, is one hundred and sixty by eighty-eight feet, four stories, and contains over one hundred apartments, with accommodations for one hundred and fifty boarders. Mr. Jas. M. Hocker is the proprietor. It is not chartered, and confers no degrees; but bestows upon pupils completing the full course a handsome diploma and a gold medal. Pupils, one hundred and three.

Lexington Female College, Lexington, Ky. R. Ryland, D. D., President. Incorporated in 1868. Confers diplomas. Faculty of eight instructors. Seventy-five pupils.

Sayre Female Institute, Lexington. H. B. McClellan, A. M., President, assisted by an able faculty. Has large and conveniently arranged buildings and beautiful grounds in the heart of the city. Is chartered, and confers diplomas.

FRANKLIN.

Private School taught by Prof. McKee, Frankfort.

Frankfort High School. J. W. Dodd, A. M., Principal. Five instructors. Eighty pupils. Has power to confer literary degrees.

Greenwood Female Seminary. Mrs. Mary Trayne Runyan, Principal. Is located at Frankfort, Ky. Confers diplomas.

Dudley Institute (Episcopalian—female) will open this fall.

GARRARD.

Lancaster Male Academy. Chartered. Value of buildings, \$2,000. Students, fifty-eight. Amount of tuition fees, \$1,000. B. F. Hudson, Principal. Languages and mathematics, in conjunction with all English branches, are taught.

Franklin Institute, located at Lancaster, Ky. Chartered in 1847. Unendowed. Geo. W. Dunlap, with several assistants, constitute faculty. Library worth \$100; two literary societies, organized in conjunction with the Institution—the “Alpha and Omega.” Tuition fees amount to \$3,000. Students average one hundred.

GRANT.

Williamstown Seminary. Unendowed. Value of buildings is \$2,500. Mathematics and Latin, in conjunction with English studies, are taught. Students, sixty. Proceeds of tuition fees, \$2 50 and \$3 00 per month. L. V. Ware, Principal, with Miss Katie Combs, assistant. Located at Williamstown, Grant county, Ky.

GRAYSON.

Leitchfield Seminary, located at Leitchfield, Ky. J. T. Gosnell, Principal.

GREEN.

Pleasant Valley Male and Female Institute. J. M. Coulson, Principal.

HARDIN.

Lynnland Institute, Glendale, W. F. Perry, President. Male and female. Has fine buildings, beautifully located in a native forest.

Rev. Mr. Heagan has, also, a fine school at Elizabethtown.

Cecilian College, Cecilia. H. A. Cecil & Bros., proprietors. Six instructors. Is a male institution, founded in 1860, and chartered in 1867, and confers diplomas in the commercial and classical departments—the degree of A. B. in the latter.

HICKMAN.

Clinton College. Unendowed. Located at Clinton, Kentucky. Value of buildings, \$15,000. Chemical and philosophical apparatus valued at \$300. Languages, mathematics, and English branches are taught. Students, sixty. Tuition fees, \$2,000. Clinton College Literary Society, organized in conjunction with Institution. A geological cabinet valued at \$350. Prof. T. N. Wells, with two assistants, teachers.

HENRY.

Eminence College. Located at Eminence, Ky. W. S. Giltner, President, with seven assistants. Unendowed. Languages, Mathematics, and all English branches, are taught. Three literary societies, viz: the Philomathean Society, the Rising Star Society, and the Star of Hope Society. A fine cabinet of specimens and chemical apparatus. Students, one hundred and twenty-six.

Prof. Joseph R. Brinker conducts a good school (boys and girls) at New Castle. Buildings cost \$15,000.

There is an excellent school building at Smithfield, costing \$10,000.

Prof. Duncan has a good school at Eminence.

JEFFERSON.

Forest Academy, Anchorage, Jefferson county, Ky., was chartered in 1869, and is authorized to confer any degree which can be conferred by any College. B. H. McCown, D. D., is Principal and proprietor.

Bellewood Seminary for Young Ladies is located at Anchorage, and has a beautiful property.

The Masons, Baptists, Presbyterians, and Catholics have Orphan Schools at Louisville.

There are numbers of private institutions in Louisville, but they have not done me the honor to report, taught by Mrs. Nold, Prof. McDonald, and others.

JESSAMINE.

Jessamine Female Institute, located at Nicholasville, Ky. Prof. J. B. Tharp, Principal.

LARUE.

Buffalo Institute, located at Elizabethtown. John W. Radley, Principal.

Hodgenville Seminary, located at Hodgenville, under control of Rev. James Fullilove and Jo. S. Hays.

LINCOLN.

Stanford Female College, located at Stanford, Ky. Chartered in 1869. Is unendowed. All the English branches, music, languages, and fancy arts, are taught. Mrs. S. C. Truehart, Principal, with six assistants. Value of the buildings, \$15,000. Value of apparatus, \$600. Library contains six hundred volumes; value, \$1,200. Students number one hundred and eighteen. Tuition fees amount to \$5,000.

Christian College, located at Hustonville, Ky. Under control of Miss Hannah Burgin.

Tarrant College, located at Crab Orchard, Ky. Under control of Mrs. S. F. H. Tarrant. Flourishing.

LOGAN.

Logan Female College. Chartered in 1867. The charter is liberal, giving all the rights, powers, and privileges of college corporations. In fact, however, but two degrees are conferred, viz: M. E. L. on young ladies completing an English course, and M. A. on those adding the Latin, German, and French.

The Institution is finely patronized, has a splendid building, and is under the patronage of the Louisville Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. A. B. Stark, LL. D., is President.

Browder Institute. Olmstead Station.

MADISON.

Central University, located at Richmond, Ky. R. L. Breck, D. D., Chancellor; John W. Pratt, D. D., President, with seven assistant professors.

Madison Female Institute, located at Richmond. B. J. Pinkerton, Principal, with four assistants.

A School at College Hill in prosperous condition.

Berea College, at Berea. E. H. Fairchild, D. D., President.

MERCER.

Daughters' College, located at Harrodsburg, Ky. Chartered 1856. John Aug. Williams, President. Languages and Mathematics, in conjunction with English branches, are taught. Confers diplomas. Course extended and thorough. Buildings handsome. Grounds beautiful. Faculty large.

A. S. Loventhal conducts a fine school for boys in Harrodsburg.

MASON.

Maysville Seminary, Maysville. Was chartered in 1830. No endowment. Philosophical and chemical apparatus valued at \$2,000. Two literary societies, viz: "K. Y. X." and "Henry Clay." Confers B. S. and M. L. Prepares boys for any class in college, and has a complete female course. President Grant was once a pupil of this school, when under the joint Principalship of Messrs. Richardson & Rand. Prof. Richardson is now teaching a private school in Ashland.

MONTGOMERY.

Mt. Sterling Female College, under control of W. H. Savage. Chartered. An able corps of assistants. Located at Mt. Sterling, Ky. A first-class Female College.

Mrs. Roger Hanson has a female school in Mt. Sterling with thirty pupils.

NELSON.

Nazareth Female Academy is a large Roman Catholic school, located near Bardstown.

Rev. J. V. Cosby, D. D. (Presbyterian), conducts a fine school at Bardstown.

Rev. Mr. Kirtly (Baptist) has a successful school at Bardstown.

NICHOLAS.

Kentucky Normal School, located at Carlisle, Ky. Incorporated 1874. T. C. H. Vance, Principal, with three assistants. Students, one hundred and five. A good school for those designing to teach.

OWEN.

Concord College is located at New Liberty, Owen county, Ky. Was chartered January 24th, 1866, and is authorized to confer degrees. Has a male and female department. Occupies a handsome building, seventy-six by forty feet, with a boarding department attached. Has seventy pupils. H. J. Greenwell, Principal, and H. B. Allen, of the faculty, are graduates of Georgetown College. The Public School is taught in connection with this College.

PENDLETON.

Pendleton Academy, located at Falmouth, Ky. Chartered 1813. J. Baldwin, Principal. The higher mathematics and English branches are taught.

SCOTT.

Georgetown Female Seminary (Baptist), Georgetown, Ky. J. J. Rucker, A. M., Principal.

Warrendale Female College, Georgetown. Three instructors. One hundred and fourteen pupils. Buildings valued at \$15,000.

Georgetown College, Georgetown. Basil Manly, D. D., President.

SIMPSON.

Female College, Franklin, Ky. M. D. Bourne, President. Was chartered March 5th, 1868. The faculty and board of managers "have power to confer such honorary degrees and diplomas as are usual in colleges," but have never exercised this privilege. A very handsome building.

SHELBY.

Shelby Academy, located near Shelbyville, Ky. Neither chartered nor endowed. T. J. Doolan, Principal. Value of buildings, \$6,000. Library contains five hundred volumes, valued at

\$1,000. Students, eighty. Tuition fees, \$1,500. Curriculum of studies same as generally pursued in High Schools.

Science Hill. Mrs. Julia A. Tevis. Located at Shelbyville, Ky. One of the oldest and most prosperous female colleges of the West.

Shelby Female College, located at Shelbyville. Prof. W. H. Stuart, President. Chartered 1849.

UNION.

Major J. S. Austin has a fine school at Morganfield.

The Catholics have several institutions in the county.

WEBSTER.

Dixon Academy, Dixon, is taught as a public and private school. Number of scholars, seventy-three. A debating society organized among the students. German taught, also vocal music.

Clay Academy, Clay. A private and public school. H. E. Echols, Principal. Pupils, eighty-two.

WOODFORD.

Versailles Academy, located at Versailles. William Henry, Principal.

Midway Academy, located at Midway. Wm. Moore, Principal.

The Christian Church has a successful Orphans' School at Midway. Buildings worth \$20,000. A noble charity.

L. B. Prince is Principal of a private school at Versailles. Pupils, twenty-seven. Library valued at \$1,000.

The public abroad will understand that there are many more schools conducted under private auspices, but the Superintendent has no statutory power to compel reports, and he has given an abstract only of those who were disposed to furnish him information.

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS.

There are Law Schools in Louisville and Lexington; Medical Schools in Louisville (two), and (one) in Lexington. "The Training School" is a part of the general educational system of Louisville, and prepares a home supply of skilled teachers. Prof. Vance, at Carlisle, has a Normal class. Civil Engineering receives practical attention at the Kentucky Military Institute.

Theological Schools are attached to the Georgetown College (Baptist), Centre College, Danville (Presbyterian), The Kentucky University, Lexington (Christian), and St. Joseph's College, Bardstown (Catholic).

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

There are two in Louisville—one owning a building that cost \$250,000. Lexington has a fine public library, kept carefully, in a good building—formerly a church. The State has a large library of law and miscellaneous books, well kept, in the State Capitol, at Frankfort, by Mrs. Cornelia Bush, Librarian, by election of the Legislature. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is succeeding in collecting a fine library of educational works.

MALE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

Centre College, Danville. Chartered in 1819. Amended 1824. Has productive endowment of \$170,000; buildings, etc., additional \$80,000. Eight thousand volumes in libraries. One hundred and twenty students in college proper, and fifty in preparatory. \$3,000 received from tuition fees. Confers A. B., A. M., D. D., and LL. D. The chemical and philosophical apparatus is valued at \$3,000. Two literary societies, viz: Chamberlain and Dinologian. More than one third of the students receive gratuitous tuition, and one sixth rooms free of rent. Eight members of faculty. Ormond Beatty, LL. D., President. Under the auspices of the General Assembly Presbyterians. A revival of interest in this deserving institution.

Bethel College, Russellville. Chartered in 1856. Endowment, \$200,000. Value of building \$20,000. Value of chemical and philosophical apparatus, \$2,000. Number of volumes in library, one thousand, valued at \$2,000. Number of students, one hundred and thirty. Received from tuition fees, \$2,960, in 1875. Is under the auspices of the Baptists. Six Professors — one Preparatory teacher. Leslie Waggener, Chairman of Faculty.

Kentucky Wesleyan University, Millersburg. Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Chartered. Confers A. B., A. M., Ph. D., D. D., LL. D. Rev. T. J. Dodd, D. D., President. Rev. Robert Hiner, D. D., President of Board of Education. Has an endowment of \$60,000. Buildings worth \$35,000. Receives from tuition, \$800. Has two literary societies. Libraries 800 vol-

umes. Value of apparatus, \$500. Five in faculty. Students, ninety. A growing interest. Fine promise for next scholastic year.

Central University, Richmond, Kentucky. Southern Presbyterian. Rev. R. Breck, D. D., Chancellor. Chartered, and confers usual degrees. Value of buildings, \$55,000. Endowment, \$150,000. Students, eighty. Faculty, ten. New. Has a happy prospect.

Kentucky Military Institute, Farmdale. Buildings worth \$100,000. Col. Robert D. Allen, Superintendent. The Governor, *ex officio*, President of the Board of Visitors. Diplomas signed by State officials. Arms and accoutrements furnished by State. Faculty eight. Has probably the finest library in the State. Is well furnished with apparatus. The number of students for the last two years average about one hundred; all board at the Institute. Discipline thoroughly military. Excellent.

Georgetown College (Baptist), Georgetown, Ky. Chartered. Confers all degrees. Basil Manly, D. D. President. Seven Professors. Buildings valued at \$75,000. Number of students, eighty in College proper; twenty-seven in Preparatory. Two literary societies. Good library and cabinet, and philosophical apparatus. In high repute with the denomination.

Warren College (Southern Methodist), Bowling Green. Rev. J. G. Wilson, D. D., President. Faculty five. Endowment, \$50,000. Value of buildings, \$25,000. Students, forty-five in College, forty-eight in Preparatory. Confers usual degrees.

Kentucky University, Lexington. Classified into the following schools:

1. School of the English Language and Literature.
2. School of Mental and Moral Philosophy.
3. School of Mathematics.
4. School of Chemistry.
5. School of Natural Philosophy.
6. School of Natural History.
7. School of Civil History.
8. School of Modern Languages.
9. School of Engineering and Mining.
10. School of Military Tactics.

Has thirty-four Professors. Value of buildings and estate, \$200,000. One hundred and five students in College of Arts. Matriculated in all its schools from three hundred to four hundred and fifty pupils. Is under the control of the Christian Church, except the "Agricultural and Mechanical College," which receives about \$10,000 annually from the State. Is required to be non-sectarian. This latter College is located on the Ashland estate, the former home of Hon. Henry Clay. The Regent of the University is John B. Bowman. The institution confers all the degrees except D. D. It is thoroughly furnished with libraries, museums, cabinets, etc.

St. Mary's College (Catholic), St. Mary's. Ten Professors. Value of buildings, \$15,000. Eighty-four students. David Fennessey, C. R.

Berea College, Berea, Ky. Rev. E. H. Fairchild, President. Has buildings valued at \$100,000. Fourteen professors. Amount of property of the corporation, \$115,000. Amount of endowment, \$24,000. Productive funds, \$19,000. Number of volumes in library, one thousand five hundred. Receipts from all sources, annually, about \$30,000. This is a mixed school. Male and female, white and black, have equal privileges. Has several hundred students.

THE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE.

This institution is located at Lexington on the beautiful estate of Ashland, the homestead of Hon. Henry Clay. The endowment fund of about \$168,000 was given by the Federal Government. It has a full corps of able Professors, and a liberal course of study, embracing English literature, mathematics, civil history, physical geography, geology, botany, physiology, mineralogy, chemistry, natural philosophy, moral and mental philosophy, civil and political economy, civil engineering and mining, French, German, military science, meteorology, telegraphy, practical agriculture, horticulture, and mechanical arts, thus affording ample facilities for practical, scientific, or technical education.

Under the charter, each county or legislative district is entitled to send three properly prepared students, free of charge for *tuition*.

Young men desiring to enter the College as State students, under this provision, will be received upon the recommendation

of the county judge, until their appointment can be ratified by the magistrates at their quarterly court.

A Preparatory Department is provided for the benefit of students, not less than fourteen years of age, who wish to enter the regular classes, and a Summer School is conducted through the vacation of three months, for the benefit of those who wish to continue their studies, and to enjoy a pleasant home.

The session begins on the second Monday in September, and continues nine months; but students are received at any time.

The entire necessary expenses, including fees, fuel, lights, washing, and good comfortable boarding in the clubs or dormitories, need not exceed \$150 for the collegiate year. Such young men as desire it can defray a portion of these expenses by laboring four hours per day on the farm or in the shops.

Military instruction and discipline constitute a part of the *regime* of this College, and is under the direction of a regular United States officer.

The Hon. John B. Bowman is the Regent of "The Kentucky University," of which this is one of the Colleges. Prof. Patterson is the President.

ELEEMOSYNARY SCHOOLS.

INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

This is located in the neighborhood of Louisville. The buildings are magnificent and well furnished with all the appliances of comfort, and the grounds are fertile and the landscape picturesque. The State charges the parents of the pupils nothing for board or tuition, and, in cases of destitution, provides clothing for the sightless little ones while they are in school. The yearly school session begins on the first Monday in September, and closes on the third Friday in June. Children are permitted to receive instruction for seven years; and the Trustees of the school are authorized, if they see fit, to extend the time in the case of meritorious pupils.

The course of instruction embraces everything taught in the Common Schools; and in addition, special tuition is given in music, and in various branches of handicraft.

The boys are taught how to make brooms, various kinds of mattresses, general upholstering work, and how to cane chairs,

with the solid or the open seat. The girls are taught to knit, to sew, to do various kinds of fancy work, and to use the sewing machine.

The conditions for admission are very few. Any child whose sight is so defective that it cannot learn in the ordinary schools, if within the ages of six and sixteen, of good health, and sound mind, will be gladly received. If the eyes are affected in such a way that the disease is not apparent, the certificate of a physician, stating the condition of the eyes, is required.

B. B. Huntoon is the Superintendent.

In connection with this Institution is the Printing House for the Blind; supported by appropriations from Kentucky and other States.

INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

This school is located at Danville. It was established by legislative enactment in 1823, and has been in successful operation for fifty-three years, and annually dispensing blessings to those afflicted with a double privation—the loss of hearing and speech.

The officers, directly intrusted with the care of this Institution, are a Principal, Physician, Matron, and Steward. The Principal and his Faculty devote themselves chiefly to the mental and moral and manner-culture of the pupils. They are all skilled in the peculiar art of instructing mutes, and have been selected with an eye single to their mental and moral endowments for the talent-exacting work they are required to perform.

The session begins on the first day of October, and closes on the 15th day of July. The vacation-period, therefore, includes two months and a half of vacation, thus giving the pupils ample opportunity to visit their friends. Every deaf-mute in Kentucky, of sound mind and body, is privileged to receive all the benefits of this Institution, without charge for board or tuition, for a term of seven years. The branches of study pursued are reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, natural history, physiology, the Bible, etc.

Guardians or parents of deaf-mutes wishing to place them in the Institution should address J. A. Jacobs, Principal, Danville, Kentucky. Prof. Jacobs is the author of several text-books, designed for mutes; but, from personal scrutiny, I am prepared

to say that they are singularly suggestive to all teachers who pursue the object method, and who recognize the value of cultivating the faculty of observation.

"The Deaf-Mute" is the name of a spicy little periodical published by the pupils. The editing and printing is both done in the school.

INSTITUTION FOR THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF FEEBLE-MINDED CHILDREN.

By an act approved February 23d, 1874, this Institution was reconstructed. Its purpose is clearly defined in the seventeenth section, viz: "It is distinctly avowed in this act that said Institution is not an asylum for the custodial care of unimprovable idiots, but a *school* for the education of feeble minded children." Children of this character, between the ages of six and eighteen, are entitled to the benefits of the Institution without charge; and to all children who have not the means of transportation, the expense will be defrayed by the State, as "now provided by law for the transportation of pauper lunatics." The term of residence by this act in the Institution is limited to "ten years;" but "may be removed at any time by order of the Board, whenever the interest of the Institution, in their judgment, shall require the same to be done." The object of the Institution is to confer the largest possible benefit; and those intrusted with its care will rejoice in seeing it filled to its utmost capacity with pupils of the class contemplated in its purposes. Those desiring more explicit information will address Dr. E. H. Black, Superintendent, Frankfort, Kentucky.

I undertake to say that the pupils of this Institution, in the rudiments of learning, will pass, any day, as creditable a review and examination as the pupils of any ordinary Common School in the Commonwealth. It is frequently the case that mental imbecility is directly correlated to physical weakness. In this Institution special attention is paid to gymnastic training. Calisthenic exercises of the most graceful character, and to the time-measures of the sweetest music, are engaged in daily. Every muscle of the body is brought into play. It is frequently found, as vigor of body is imparted through a thorough following of a hygienic system, that activity of mind is excited, and, in several

instances, those supposed to be hopelessly imbecile, by returning health, have gone forth to rejoice their parents, and to prove themselves ornaments and reinforcements of society itself.

The State has done honor to itself in founding this noble charity. It is an exponent of a growing civilization—a pleasing and fit recognition of twin-truths which, when brought together in one well-rounded globe, will serve to complete the final triumph of a conquering humanity over all the forces that have opposed its march, from the merest animalism to that distinction which will finally lead men to challenge the prizes of eternity with all the schooled and skilled hierarchs of Heaven, namely: the recognition of the Common Fatherhood of God, and the Universal Brotherhood of Men.

PRIVATE CHARITY SCHOOLS.

There are schools in connection with the Louisville House of Reform. The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, Louisville; the Orphans' School (under the auspices of the Christian Church), Midway; the Cleveland Orphanage, Versailles; the Orphan Homes of the Methodists (Louisville), Baptists (Louisville), and Catholics (Louisville and Nelson county)—all have schools attached.

EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN KENTUCKY.

The first session of this organization was held in Frankfort, July 15th, 1874, in response to a circular call from Prof. N. S. Shaler, State Geologist, and Dr. H. A. M. Henderson, State Superintendent. Its object is to concert measures to mature a system of public education that shall extend to the training of teachers for our Common Schools, and of our young men for classical and technical pursuits. The second meeting was held at the Mammoth Cave last July, and the next will be held some time during the State Teachers' Convention at Bowling Green. The officers are: H. A. M. Henderson, President (Frankfort, Ky.); Wm. J. Davis, Secretary (Louisville).

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The object is to promote the cause of Common Schools. It is composed of all the officers and teachers connected with Com-

mon Schools, and such other teachers and friends of education as the Association may invite. The next meeting will be at Bowling Green, August 8th, 1876, and close with an excursion to the Mammoth Cave on Thursday, August 10th, and at a meeting at night in the ball-room of the Cave City Hotel.

All educators of America and from across the seas are cordially invited to attend, and the occasion promises to be one of unusual interest.

The officers are: H. A. M. Henderson, President, Frankfort, Kentucky; S. T. Lowry, Secretary, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Geo. A. Chase, Louisville; J. H. Fuqua, Glasgow; John H. Carter, Lexington, Committee on Programme.

Thos. J. Smith, John C. Underwood, Geo. C. Baber, Committee of Arrangements.

LOUISVILLE EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The objects contemplated are the general encouragement of popular education in the State of Kentucky and city of Louisville, and the improvement of teachers. It convenes monthly during the scholastic year.

The officers are: G. A. Chase, President; W. H. Bartholomew, Vice President; and C. B. Theiss, Secretary.

COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTES.

It is made the duty by law of each County School Commissioner to hold one Institute "for the normal instruction, improvement, and better qualification of the teachers of Common Schools." County Associations are held in many counties, the objects of which are "to discuss and devise the best ways and means of promoting the interests of Common Schools, and the improvement of teachers and the methods of teaching."

The colored people have an Educational Convention annually.

LIST OF STATE AND COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL OFFICERS.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
H. A. M. HENDERSON,
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND *ex officio* PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.
J. STODDARD JOHNSTON,
SECRETARY OF STATE AND *ex officio* MEMBER OF THE BOARD.
THOS. E. MOSS,
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND *ex officio* MEMBER OF THE BOARD.
W. H. BARTHOLOMEW,
LOUISVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, LOUISVILLE, KY.
R. D. ALLEN,
KENTUCKY MILITARY INSTITUTE, FARMDALE KY.
ED. C. WENT, CLERK.

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.
H. A. M. HENDERSON,
S. P. BROWDER,
SUPERINTENDENT FRANKFORT CITY SCHOOL.
J. W. DODD,
PRINCIPAL FRANKFORT HIGH SCHOOL.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

COUNTIES.	Names.	Post-office.
Adair	M. H. Rhorer	Columbia.
Allen	Marcus A. Alexander	Scottsville.
Anderson	A. M. Portwood	Lawrenceburg.
Ballard	I. K. Swain	Blandville.
Barren	R. P. Collins	Glasgow.
Bath	W. H. Daugherty	Owingsville.
Bell	Peter Hinkle	Pineville.
Boone	H. J. Foster	Burlington.
Bourbon	W. H. Lockhart	Paris.
Boyd	Jacob Rice	Catlettsburg.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—Continued.

COUNTIES.	Names.	Post-office.
Boyle	R. H. Caldwell	Parksville.
Bracken	A. C. Armstrong	Augusta.
Breathitt	Nathan B. Day	Jackson.
Breckinridge	Milton Board	Hardinsburg.
Bullitt	R. J. Meyler	Shepherdsville.
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